that some terrorist organizations have plans to infiltrate their agents and arms and ammunitions into India through sea route.

(c) and (d) The Coast Guard maintains surveillance of Indian coastline extending up to the extremity of the Exclusive Economic Zone. This surveillance mechanism acts as a deterrent for terrorists. Besides, under the Coastal Security Scheme, assistance has been given to the coastal States and Union Territories to strengthen infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas by setting up police stations, check posts and outposts in the coastal areas and to equip the coastal police stations with vehicles and boats for mobility on the coast and in close coastal waters

PM's talks with coalition Government in J and K regarding reduction in troops

3746. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister held any talks with the coalition Government in Jammu and Kashmir and agreed to study the demands for phased reduction of troops from civilian areas in Jammu and Kashmir, withdrawal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and vacation of civilian property occupied by the army; and

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee is also consulted before taking any steps on the above mentioned issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been demands and reports, from time to time, about reduction in the level of security force deployment in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces deployment.

The aforesaid Committee would also conduct a parallel exercise to review the application of the Armed Forces (Jammu and Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990 to different areas of J&K. The review would be carried out in conformity with the legal requirement of a periodic review of the application of the Act.

The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been asked to appoint a Nodal Officer to survey the properties still being occupied by Security Forces. The Nodal Officer would undertake an exercise to see how many of these properties could be restored to their owners or, in lieu, proper compensation to the owners.

Modernisation of Police Force

3747. SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme for Modernisation of Police Force (MPF);

(b) the amount released under this Scheme to Gujarat during the last three years;

(c) whether the Gujarat Government has demanded Rs. 152 crore under the Scheme for the year 2006-07;

(d) if so, whether the amount was reduced;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government would reconsider the decision and sanction adequate funds to Gujarat for Modernisation of Police Force in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, the Central Government is extending assistance through a non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces. All the major items of police administration have been included under the Scheme *i.e.* construction of secure police stations, outposts, police lines, mobility, modern weaponry,